

VILLAGE OF MINTO  
MINUTES

The Regular Meeting of the Minto Village Council was held in the Council Room at 7:00 PM on November 10, 2009 with Mayor Barnett presiding.

COUNCILLORS PRESENT:           Michael Richardson (DM)  
  Wendy Robichaud  
  Jane Wasson  
  Dwain Barton

PRESS: Sandra Hennessey, Daily Gleaner and Brenda Despres, Grand Lake Mirror

PUBLIC: Gary McAllister, Malcolm Chapman, Wendy Tremblay, Troy Sullivan, and Alton Morrell.

MOTION: Moved by Deputy Mayor Richardson and seconded by Councillor Wasson that the minutes of special meetings of October 14<sup>th</sup>, 27<sup>th</sup> and November 3<sup>rd</sup>, and the regular council meeting of October 13<sup>th</sup> be approved as circulated.

Motion Carried.

CORRESPONDENCE READ

RCMP: Cst. Fahie attended the meeting. During the month of October, members of the Minto and Chipman detachments responded to 141 calls for service. Of those, 40 were within the Village limits. Halloween night went without a hitch within the Village limits, members dealt with several calls and only 1 being Halloween related. The Village curfew worked well.

Councillor Robichaud suggested that if the officers have time perhaps they could make an appearance at the upcoming Junior "B" game this Saturday evening at the Minto Arena. The game begins at 8:00 pm. Cst. Fahie would like to have a schedule of the Junior "B" games for the season, and they will try their best to make an appearance as these games.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

COUNCILLOR WASSON:

CIVIC RELATIONS: Meetings and functions attended two meetings of the Economic Development Committee, Care & Share 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration, Minlak monthly meeting, Community Prayer breakfast, Planning Advisory meeting, met with individuals to progress towards setting up a GED classroom, two council committee meetings one for pandemic planning, library meeting and festival wrap up party.

**DEVELOPMENT PERMITS:** Four (4) development permits, and one (1) demolition permits issued for the month of October. Development revenue for the month was \$303,500 and permit revenue of \$915.00.

**MINLAK:** During the month of October total recyclables were 7000 kgs. Minlak will be selling tickets again this year on a dinner basket.

**NEW BUSINESSES:** Councillor Wasson advised that four new businesses have opened in the village, The Old General Store, AMX Technology, More Than Games, and Cut and Run.

**DEPUTY MAYOR RICHARDSON:**

**CIVIC RELATIONS: Meetings and functions attended:** Attended 3 growth committee meetings, special meeting of council, health and safety meeting, meeting with assistant clerk and sewer department, youth board meeting, youth breakfast at Trinity United Church, meeting with mayor and assistant clerk, youth center Halloween fundraiser, meeting with Marilyn Evans from Ambulance NB, festival volunteers thank you at Legion, prayer breakfast at Baptist Church, meeting with Conservation Council.

**W.G. BISHOP NURSING HOME REPORT**

Home is filled to capacity with a waiting list.

Painting and renovations have been completed in the activity and dining rooms.

Preventative measures are in place in the event of a H1N1 outbreak.

The semi-annual memorial service with Rev. Pain officiating, will take place on Sunday, November 15<sup>th</sup> @ 2:30 PM in the nursing home. An invitation is extended to all members of council.

**HEALTH AND SAFETY COMMITTEE:** Health and safety inspections and committee meetings have been held. A review will be done by the committee of an incident that occurred recently.

**SEWER REPORT:** Pump removed and taken to electric motor services for repairs, new flow meter installed at lagoon, sewer tests done, hydrogen sulphate tests done on Upton Street, demolition inspection done on Main Street, shots taken for Winston Moore for sewer hook up (can hook), repairs done on venmar, UV lights were cleaned, monthly and daily sewer tests performed, work done on sewer line at new firehall, work done on North Minto station.

**MINTO COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTER:**

**QNCHC: FOOTLOOSE WALKING PROGRAM** – with over 160 participants, a total of over 7000 km has been recorded to date. This has taken participants across Canada and

they are now on their way to Territories before heading back home. The walking program success will be celebrated on December 1st with refreshments and prizes. On October 13<sup>th</sup>, “Exercise 101” was presented on October 27<sup>th</sup>, Nicole LeBlanc presented “Nutrition” and on November 10<sup>th</sup> talk will be “What to Wear”.

Diabetes education began with good attendance. Nutrition and exercise sessions have started; upcoming sessions include stress management, foot care and pharmacology.

A number of community initiatives have started including smoking cessation with high school populations and work on the drug initiative program.

H1N1 immunization clinics will be offered for the Minto area on November 16<sup>th</sup> at MMHS from 4PM – 8PM.

The process of recruiting nurses is continuing. There is not currently enough nurses to open the palliative care unit and the community health center. Therefore, the palliative care unit remains closed with a goal to open as soon as resources are available.

**MINTO COMMUNITY YOUTH CENTER:** The Youth Center re-opened on October 17<sup>th</sup>, and on October 24<sup>th</sup> the Trinity United Church hosted a breakfast for the center. Thank you to Mary Miller for all her generosity and the members of the church for allowing the center to use their facility. A big thank you to the Bank of Nova Scotia, local businesses and to the public for their generous donations to our “Halloween Fundraiser” in total \$4000 was raised. There will be a first aid course offered on November 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> from 8:30 AM – 5:30 PM and a babysitting course on Saturday November 21<sup>st</sup> from 9:00 AM – 3:30 PM. Please contact Susan @ 327-9809 or Joy @ 327-6019 for more information. Our hours of operation are Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday from 6:00-9:00 PM.

Bonnie Kilburn dance classes are also held at the center on Monday evenings.

#### COUNCILLOR BARTON

**CIVIC RELATIONS:** Meetings and functions attended: penny sale at the Holy Rosary Hall, open house at Minlak, breakfast for the Youth Center, breakfast at the Baptist Church day of prayer, library board meeting, the Fred Fulton tribute, and special meeting regarding H1N1.

**DOG REPORT:** 2 Complaints received for the month and traveled 150 kms.

**PUBLIC LIBRARY:** No report received. He reminds everyone of the coffee mornings of Friday’s beginning at 10:00 am.

**GARBAGE REPORT:** No report received.

## COUNCILLOR ROBICHAUD:

**CIVIC RELATIONS:** Meetings and functions attended: several special meetings, two meeting in particular with Goguen both regarding the firehall and the future arena project, the New Brunswick Country Music Wall of Fame, attended an mock collision exercise put on by the fire department jaws of life training session, Fred Fulton fundraiser, meeting with the arena staff, special meeting of council regarding pandemic, festival wrap up party, Community Church breakfast, penny sale and Conservation Council meeting.

**FIRE DEPARTMENT:** During the month of October the department responded to 8 calls; three house fires, one flu fire, one MV accident and one tree across the wires. The firehall is almost complete. Part of the final inspection was done on Thursday the 5<sup>th</sup>, and the results should be provided to council any day now, pending on the paving which is close to being completed. There is still work to be done by the fire department to be able to move in. The fire department is meeting tonight to discuss a date for their special needs party that they have every year, as well as to vote on fire fighter of the year. The annual Christmas party for the fire fighters will be held on December 5<sup>th</sup>. A benefit will be held this Saturday the 14<sup>th</sup> for Johnny and Doreen Logue at the rec. center from 2 -6 pm.

**ARENA:** Council is very excited about the future renovations that will be taking place at the arena. Once the plans are final, a copy of the plans will be posted at the arena for the public to view. There are several tournaments being held this year in Minto and Chipman. The bunny provincials for Ringette will be held in Grand Lake in March 2010. A reminder was given that there is no smoking within 30m from the front entrance of the building, as well as tow away zones in the parking area that are off limits for parking. A reminder as well that the arena is not an alcohol licensed facility and drinking will not be tolerated at the arena, if you are suspected of drinking you will be asked to leave and if you refuse to leave the RCMP will be contacted.

**COMMUNITY WELLNESS:** There was a great turn out for the Fred Fulton foundation, they raised approximately 3,900.00, and this money goes back into the community. This year they have purchased ukuleles for the MEMS, as well as last year they started a bursary at both Chipman and Minto High Schools which is an ongoing thing each year. Christmas bazaar at the MEMS will be held on November 21<sup>st</sup>. The Resource Center will be having the Christmas Telethon on November 17<sup>th</sup>.

FESTIVAL wrap up party was held last Friday evening.

Question was asked regarding the time of the Christmas bazaar. Councillor Robichaud believes it is 9 am – 1 pm.

## MAYOR BARNETT:

CIVIC RELATIONS: Meetings and functions attended NB Coal Committee meeting, Fredericton Region Solid Waste meeting, special meeting on the 14<sup>th</sup>, special meeting in Doaktown, checked on playground equipment in Oromocto, attended the Fred Fulton Music Tribute, an Minlak open house, an Economic Growth Committee meeting, met with Ambulance along with the Fire Chief, met with Assistant Clerk regarding the sewer budget, meeting with Marilyn Evans regarding Pandemic Planning, Maintenance Foreman, Cain Insurance, Goguen and Company, attended the Penny Sale, Service to Seniors, Festival wrap up party, and a breakfast at the Trinity United Church,

FREDERICTON REGION SOLID WASTE has raised the tipping fees from \$66.00 to \$69.00 per ton. Mayor Barnett advised that he was the only village representative to vote against this increase at a recent board meeting.

MAINTENANCE: Repaired snow blower for trackless, pulled sewer pump in yard, repaired BIA lights, cleaned leaves out of drains, put up bulletins in zip track sign, repaired 2 culverts on Slope Road, repaired truck plough, ditching on Bridge Street, repaired hole in ceiling at shop, met with Stantec about digging at Logue Road, repaired driveways and shoulder on High Street, welded plough for dump truck, installed 2 valves at arena, hauled rock for parking lot behind office, repaired potholes, removed curb a office, picked up mini excavator in Fredericton, checked insulation job at arena and the shop, checked culvert on Tracy Road, cut bushes around ice shack, serviced vehicles, met at firehall about runoff, North Minto pump station trouble, done sewer tests, dug sidewalks up, replaced yield sign at Bridge and Northside, repaired broken manhole on Main Street.

Councillor Wasson advised that the Christ in Christmas Celebration will be held at the Holy Rosary Hall on December 1 at 7:00 pm.

TREE LIGHTING CERMONY will be held December 4<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 pm.

OPEN TO THE FLOOR AT 7:25PM.

Citizen wondered if council has an update regarding a situation he brought to Deputy Mayor Richardson's attention in regards to an accident in Ripples which resulted in an ambulance responding from Whites Cove. Mayor Barnett advised that he has requested a report from Robin O'Hara, Ambulance NB regarding the said incident and have not heard back. He asked the Clerk if she could enquire on the status of this report.

CHECK DISBURSEMENT LISTS:

MOTION: Moved by Deputy Mayor Richardson and seconded by Councillor Barton that the Sewer Fund Check disbursements for October in the sum of \$20,408.11 be approved as circulated.

QUESTION: Deputy Mayor Richardson asked if cheque number #762 will be reversed. The clerk advised that it will be posted to the firehall project.

Motion Carried.

MOTION: Moved by Councillor Robichaud and seconded by Deputy Mayor Richardson that the General Fund Check Disbursements for October in the sum of \$142,414.05 be approved as circulated.

Motion carried.

#### UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Councillor Wasson advised that the Villages Christmas tree lighting ceremony will be held on December 4<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 pm.

Councillor Barton wanted to compliment Marlene Tremblay and Grand Lake Minor Hockey for the great job they did with the recent haunted house event held at the legion on Halloween night.

#### NEW BUSINESS

3<sup>rd</sup> READING OF BY-LAW 137G: “The Village of Minto Rural Plan By-law”:

MOTION: Moved by Councillor Wasson and seconded by Deputy Mayor Richardson that By-law #137G be given 3rd reading by title.

By-law #137G READ BY TITLE

Motion Carried.

RE-SCHEDULE SPECIAL MEETING OF NOVEMBER 24<sup>TH</sup>: The special meeting of November will be held on November 23<sup>rd</sup> at 6:00 pm.

FESTIVAL EVENTS AT ARENA IN 2010: Councillor Robichaud advised that after meeting with Goguen and Company last week regarding the upcoming arena improvements project, she would like to discuss the possibility that the annual music festival weekend might not be able to be held at the arena in 2010. In Goguens opinion they would not put too many specifications in the tender due to the fact that it would increase the price, such as requesting that the project work be wrapped up in time for the festival weekend. Councillor Robichaud feels that council will be taking a risk allowing activities to take place while the arena is under construction.

It was consensus of council for Councillor Robichaud to contact Joey Knight to advise him that due to the up coming construction, the arena will not be available to host any events during festival activities in 2010.

**PROCLAIM RESTORATIVE JUSTICE WEEK 2009:** Mayor Barnett proclaimed the week on November 15<sup>th</sup> to the 22<sup>nd</sup> Restorative Justice Week in the Village of Minto.

**DECLARE NOVEMBER FAMILY VIOLENCE PREVENTION MONTH:** Mayor Barnett declared November Family Violence Prevention Month.

**PUBLIC HEARING** has been scheduled for December 8<sup>th</sup> at 6:00pm. in order to hear written objections to three re-zoning within the Village of Minto.

**MOTION:** Moved by Councillor Robichaud and seconded by Councillor Barton that the meeting be adjourned at 7:40 PM.